may be awarded the badge if he or she meets, or has met, all the following requirements:

- (1) Successful completion of conventional render safe qualification as prescribed for the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) course of instruction (minimum requirement).
- (2) Assigned in a TOE or TDA EOD position for which basic EOD course is a prerequisite.
- (3) Service in a position in paragraph (a)(2) of this section must be satisfactory for a period of 18 months for the award to be permanent.
- (4) Officers must have a special skill identifier of 91E, and enlisted personnel must hold the military occupational specialty 55D.
- (b) Who may award. See § 578.84 of this part.

§ 578.86 Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

- (a) Eligibility requirements. Any commissioned officer or enlisted soldier may be awarded the badge if he or she has:
- (1) Been awarded the basic Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge and effective May 1, 1989, has served 36 months cumulative service assigned to a TOE or table of distribution (TD) EOD position following award of basic badge.
- (2) Effective May 1, 1989, has served 36 months cumulative service assigned to a TOE or TD EOD position following award of the basic badge. Prior to May 1, 1989, must have served 18 months cumulative service assigned to a TOE or TD EOD position following award of the basic badge.
- (3) Been recommended for the award by immediate commander.
- (4) Current explosive ordnance disposal qualifications at the time of recommendation for the award.
- (b) Who may award. See §578.84 of this part.

§ 578.87 Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

- (a) Eligibility requirements. Any commissioned officer, or enlisted soldier may be awarded the badge if he or she meets, or has met, all the following requirements:
- (1) Must have been awarded the Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

- (2) Sixty months cumulative service assigned to a TOE or TD officer or non-commissioned officer EOD position since award of Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.
- (3) Must be recommended for the award by immediate commander.
- (4) Explosive ordnance disposal qualifications must be current at the time of recommendation for the award.
- (b) Who may award. See §578.84 of this part.

§ 578.88 Pathfinder Badge.

- (a) Eligibility criteria. (1) Successful completion of the Pathfinder Course conducted by the U.S. Army Infantry School.
- (2) Any person previously awarded the Pathfinder award for completion of Pathfinder training is authorized award of the Pathfinder Badge.
- (b) Badge approval authority. The Pathfinder Badge may be approved by the Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School.
- (c) Description. A gold color metal and enamel badge 13/16 inches in height and 13/2 inches in width, consisting of a gold sinister wing displayed on and over a gold torch with red and gray flames.

§ 578.89 Air Assault Badge.

- (a) Basic eligibility criteria. The basic eligibility criteria consist of satisfactory completion of—
- (1) An air assault training course according to the TRADOC standardized Air Assault Core Program of Instruction.
- (2) The standard Air Assault Course while assigned or attached to 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) since April 1, 1974.
- (b) Badge approval authority. Badge approval authority is as follows:
- (1) Commanders of divisions and separate brigades.
- (2) The Commander, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).
- (c) Description. An oxidized silver badge ¾ inch in height and 1¹√32 inches in width, consisting of a helicopter, frontal view, superimposed upon a pair of stylized wings displayed and curving. The wings suggest flight and together with the helicopter symbolize individual skills and qualifications in